

# Snow Searcher's Ski Club

# SKI BLAST

Happy  
New Year!

JANUARY 2010

## Message from the Prez...



Greetings all!

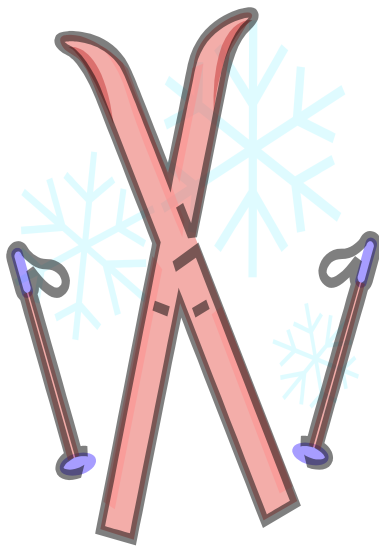
Have you had enough snow and frigid

weather yet? Come on guys.....that should be a silly question for people who love to ski.

Even with this great winter weather, I don't think there has been a lot of skiing yet. Our pre-Christmas trip to Seven Springs wasn't a go because our winter bounty of the white stuff didn't start till a few days after the scheduled trip. However, our Hero's Day trip to WISP was launched as scheduled and I hear everyone had a great ski day. Thank you Susan and Skip for leading that trip! I know how confusing being a leader on that trip can be because of the way WISP does business. I wish I could have been there, but I

was just barely getting myself back from two weeks in Florida and didn't have enough time to jump out of the car and hop on the bus!

And, I don't want to hear any stories about warm, sunny Florida -- because IT WASN'T!!



We also have another day trip that is supposed to go to Blue Mt. this Sunday. Unfortunately, Dick, the trip leader says no one is signing up for the trip. Hey where are all of those people with school-age children that

can only go skiing on weekends?? So, it looks like that trip won't go even though the skiing conditions are superb.

In a few short days we are coming up on our first big trip going to Winter Park, Colorado. Hopefully I will see all the participants at the general membership meeting on Tuesday the 19th for the **pre-trip party**. We will have bountiful pizza and beverages, and of course, a lot of excited skiers. Please remember that this meeting is for all members, not just the Winter Park participants. You don't want to miss out on that bountiful pizza and beverages do you?

Hope to see you all on the slopes soon!

*Dawn Brown*  
*President*

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## Special points of interest:

- General Meetings: Open to current and potential members - **Win Door Prizes!** Usually held at 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during ski season. Bldg 72, training room (next to the Post Office).
- Board Meetings: Usually held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 5pm

**General Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>**



## Club Information

**Email:** [sssc-board@nrl.navy.mil](mailto:sssc-board@nrl.navy.mil)

Member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council

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4555 Overlook Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20375

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**Web Site:** <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc>



<http://www.skicouncil.com/>

### Newsletter Deadline:

Third Tuesday of each month. Send info to Chris Vonk, Code 7102, [chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil](mailto:chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil)



The NRL Snow Searchers Ski Club (SSSC) is a group dedicated to having a good time both on and off the slopes. The Club is open to employees of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), their spouses, friends, and other fun-loving people.

The Club specializes in one day ski and snowboard trips to nearby resorts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia—all reachable within four hours by bus. The Club also sponsors several off season activities.



## Board of Directors

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# Trip Report...

## HERO'S DAY SKI TRIP TO WISP:

On Friday, 28 brave souls boarded the bus for the Wisp Ski Resort. After the previous night's snow forecast, all were relieved when we arose in the early predawn hours to see that nothing had materialized on the roads to impede our drive to the Mountain. Though the temperature was in the teens, the snow showers and intermittent sunshine made for a Delightful Powder Day! Skip and I are sorry that more of you weren't able to join us for this rare opportunity to enjoy Fluffy Powder!

Susan



## SSSC Wear

**SSSC BASEBALL CAPS.** Need a cap to ward off the sun's rays? There are a limited number of these great baseball caps left. Once they are gone there will be no more. \$20 each. Contact Mike Asbery (202) 404-3014 for more info, or see them at the next general meeting.



**SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS!** – SSSC has great polo shirts for sale with the club logo. The polo shirts are 50/50 poly-cotton knit with chest pockets sporting the SSSC logo, welt knit collars and two pearl buttons. Colors are white with a black logo, and royal blue with a white logo. Sizes small to 2XL, \$15. There is a limited supply left so come to the next General Meeting to inspect the shirts and try them on for size. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538.



**POLE FLAGS and NECK WALLET** - Although ski season is over why not plan ahead and get your pole flags and/or neck wallets while they last? \$5 each. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538 or e-mail [skiermjs@verizon.net](mailto:skiermjs@verizon.net)





# 2010 Trip Schedule

<b>Resort</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Bus Member/Non- Member/Kids</b>	<b>Lift</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Trip Leader</b>
<b>Wisp, MD</b>	Friday Jan 8 <b>(Hero Day)</b>	40/45/20	19	36	15	<b>Susan Piatt</b> H=443-607-8201 C=410-903-5425 <b>Skip Vaughn</b> H=301-449-7560 C=301-523-3434
			<b>\$39 Lift, Lesson, and Rental Package</b>			
<b>Blue Mountain, PA</b>	Sunday Jan 17	40/45/20	42	20	13	<b>Dave Pettit</b> C=240-678-7833 H=301-622-5051 <b>Joe Mackrell</b> W=202-404-7607 H=301-854-1462
<b>Cancelled</b>						
<b>Winter Park, CO</b>	Sat-Sat Jan 24-30	<b>\$950 pp (dbl occ)</b> One single female slot remains				<b>Brad Kuhn</b> W=202-279-5081
<b>Seven Springs, PA</b>	Friday Feb 12	40/45/20	28	15/25 Ski/Brd	12	<b>Mike Asbery</b> W=202-404-3014 <b>Skip Vaughn</b> H=301-449-7560 C=301-523-3434
<b>Blue Mountain, PA</b>	Friday Feb 19	40/45/20	27	19	14	<b>Dick Hubbard</b> W=202-767-2997 H=703-250-0566 <b>Dawn Brown</b> C=410-703-7762
<b>Sunday River, ME</b>	Sun-Fri Feb 21-26	<b>FULL</b>				<b>Mike Asbery</b> W=202-404-3014
<b>Wild Card Best Snow</b>	Sunday Mar 7	40/45/20	45	20/32 Ski/Brd	22	<b>Dawn Brown</b> C=410-703-7762
<b>Big Sky, MT</b>	Sat-Sat Mar 13-20	<b>FULL</b>				<b>Dave Roberts</b> W=202-767-2629 H=703-508-2664 <b>Susan Piatt</b> H=443-607-8201 C=410-903-5425

## Bus Pickup Times

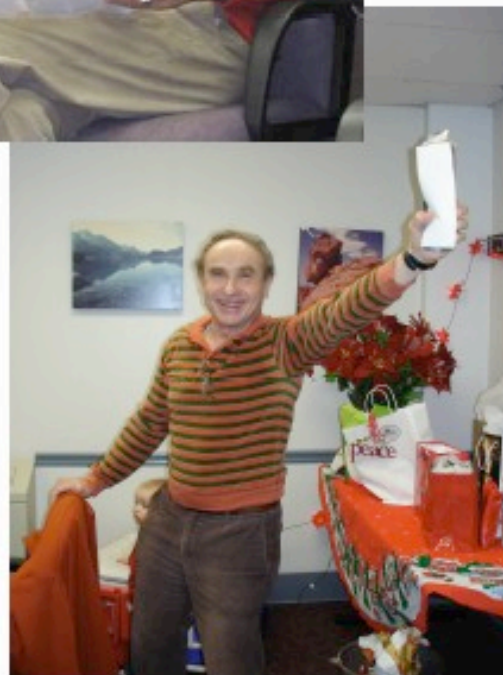
Naval Research Lab ( <b>Main Gate</b> )	5:00am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 5:00am
Springfield Commuter Parking Lot	5:15am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 4:30am
Urbana Park and Ride	6:00am	Seven Springs, Wisp



# Christmas Party Snapshots



SSSC members enjoying great holiday fare and sharing laughs and fun.



SSSC friends opening gifts during the wacky gift exchange.....hey can someone please tell me what this is?



# Christmas Party Door Prize Winners



Lucky winners: Brad Kuhn won the \$100 ski chalet gift certificate and Glen Piatt won the \$50 Mt. Vernon dinner gift certificate.



Skip Vaughan won a basket filled with yummy chocolates.



The Vonk family had two lucky tickets and won a picnic hamper and a large goody basket.



SSSC Neck Wallet Phil Burkhalter won an SSSC Neck Wallet; Kim Asbery won an SSSC Ski Pole Flag and is showing off her booty from the gift exchange; Dick Hubbard won a certificate for a free bus & lift ticket for a one day ski trip.

More winners that managed to escape having their pictures taken: Joe MacKrell won a wine basket; Gene George won a basket with delectable snacks; Don Gubser won a designer box of chocolates; Marcia Shepherd and Paul Hurlbut won a certificate for a free bus ride on a one-day ski trip; Bill Morris won an SSSC neck wallet; and Dave Pettit and Lee Langford each won a Ski Powder DVD (Sorry Lee. If I'd known you were going to win it would have been a snowboarder DVD!)

## Winter Park, Colorado

January 24-30, 2010

**\$950**

- RT from BWI to Denver—Bus transfer to Winter Park
- 6 Nights lodging at Winter Park Mountain Lodge
- 5 Day lift ticket
- 24 hour front desk
- Non-smoking rooms
- Indoor Pool
- Website:  
www.winterparkhotel.com
- Trip limited to 22 participants

**FULL!**  
Except for one single  
female slot

Deposit \$150

Brad Kuhn, Leader  
H: 703-971-8569  
W: 571-721-2266  
frederick.kuhn@nrl.navy.mil  
5906 Bond Court  
Alexandria, VA 22315

## SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

February 21-26, 2010

**\$725**

- RT transportation (air and bus)
- 5 Nights lodging at 5 star Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in/ski-out)
- 5 Day lift ticket
- Health club, Jacuzzi and sauna
- Kitchenette room available (sit up early!)
- Heated outdoor pool
- Website: www.sundayriver.com
- Group rate discounts for rentals

Deposit \$100

Mike Asbery, Co-Leader  
W: 202-404-3014  
michael.asbery@nrl.navy.mil

Dave Pettit, Co-Leader  
H: 301-622-5051  
pettitt@comcast.net

## Big Sky, Montana

March 13-20, 2010

**\$1560**

- RT transportation (Dulles/Bozeman, MT)
- Bus transfer to Big Sky (approx 50 min)
- 7 Nights lodging at Huntley Lodge (ski-in/ski-out)
- 7 Breakfasts
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket \*
- Welcome reception
- Group dinner
- Yellowstone available
- Website: www.bigsky.com

Deposit \$100

Dave Roberts, Co-Leader  
W: 202-767-2629  
H: 703-508-2664  
dave.roberts@nrl.navy.mil

Susan Piatt, Co-Leader  
H: 443-607-8201  
C: 410-903-5425  
susan.piatt@comcast.net

\* 6th day is additional \$50

For additional trip  
details visit  
[www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc](http://www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc)





## SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

## TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Winter Park, CO DATE(S) Jan 24-30, 2010

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street City State Zip*

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL:

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Schedule: (No refunds after Nov 1, 2009)

\$100 / Person – With Application

\$400 / Person – Due – Sept 1, 2009

\$400 / Person – Balance Due – Nov 1, 2009

**Non-refundable Costs:**

Prices:

Base - \$900 / Person Double Occupancy

Trip Insurance – not included - recommended

\$50 – Deposit (Paid with Application)

Return application to: Brad Kuhn, 5906 Bond Court, Alexandria, VA

Participants	Base Price	Sub Total
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Self	.950					

**Total Cost**

Emergency Contact (Name)	Deposit
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<b>Emergency Phone Number</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
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Member Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Oct 1, 2009 thru Sept 30, 2010**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

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City
State
Zip

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                    *Home*                  *Work*                  *Cell*

**E-MAIL:**

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$20)**

**Send My Mailings to:**

NEW MEMBER      RENEWAL

EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

Home Address

ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below and their email addresses if they would like club mailings

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:  
MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5731.50 or

**Mike Asbery 7753 Lowmoor Rd Springfield, VA 22513**

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Member

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# January 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 SSSC Meeting & Pre-Trip Party	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Winter Park Trip						